

NSC BRIEFING

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BRAZILIAN SITUATION

- I. Coup by General Teixeira Lott against acting president Carlos Luz on 11 November carried off successfully.
 - A. Lott sought to forestall action by forces seeking prevent inauguration president-elect Kubitschek.
 - B. Initial opposition to Lott by navy, air force, and important army units.
 1. However, Luz and Gomez, key military commander, gave up idea resistance 12 November.
- II. Threat of civil war has dropped off sharply, but tension will continue.
 - A. Nereu Ramos, vice-president of senate and constitutionally next in line, installed as acting president 11 Nov.

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B. Congress approved action by better than two to one.

C. Lott and Ramos both anti-Communist and pro-American.

D. Expected to use present power to ensure installation Kubitschek 31 January 19

E. Ramos has selected strongly pro-Kubitschek cabinet members.

III. 120,000 member Brazilian Communist Party well-organized, militant, wealthy.

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